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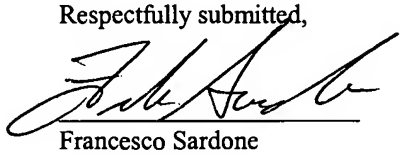

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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2006, please consider the following amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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